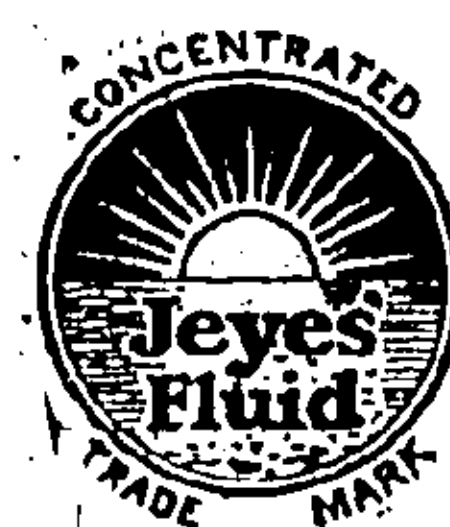


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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

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NEAR EAST CRISIS.

LEAVE IT TO THE LEAGUE.

LONDON, September 20.

It is reported from Geneva that the delegates of Canada, New Zealand, and Australia telegraphed Lloyd George asking him to accept Nansen's proposal that the council of the League be invited to intervene with the object of ending the Greco-Turkish dispute.

ANOTHER BIG FIRE.

PARIS, September 20.

Information received from the Ministry of Marine states that the whole of Panderna, including the railway station and the Ottoman bank, has been destroyed by fire, except for about a hundred houses. There were numerous casualties among civilians.

GENERALISSIMO'S MANIFESTO.

CONSTANTINOPLE, September 20.

Sir J. L. Harrington, as the Allied generalissimo, has issued a manifesto to the population referring to public uneasiness over the general situation owing to reports from Smyrna, in which he says there is no cause for alarm. The Near East question is receiving the full and earnest attention of statesmen. Pending their decision it is the duty of the public to follow peacefully their normal vocations.

FEAR OF IRRESPONSIBLES.

ATHENS, September 20.

Constantinople reports that the alarm of Europeans and Christians is not due to fear of Kemalist invasion so much as to fear of outbreaks by the daily increasing Kemalist partisans in the city who are alleged to be arming.

TURKS WILLING TO BARGAIN.

PARIS, September 20.

The Turkish press bureau states that Ferid Bey's statement was misinterpreted by the bureau. It is authorized to explain that Turkey is ready to negotiate with the Powers with regard to the freedom of the Straits and will consider their wishes with a view of ensuring the opening of the Straits to international communications.

AUSTRALIAN VIEWS.

MELBOURNE, September 20.

Minister Millen made a statement in the Senate similar to that of Mr. Hughes to the Representatives yesterday, adding that he hoped war would be averted. Nationalist senators warmly supported Mr. Hughes' action, but the Laborite Gardiner said before going to war they should pay the existing war debt of four hundred millions. The Senate without a division resolved to have Millen's statement printed.

STRONG FRENCH ANNOUNCEMENT.

PARIS, September 20.

Replying to a question in the Chamber, M. Poincare stated that in no case would French soldiers now in the Near East be employed against the Kemalists.

BUT THE STATEMENT STANDS.

PARIS, September 20.

M. Poincare's statement that in no case would French soldiers fight the Kemalists was not made in the Chamber but according to the newspapers was a reply to a question by M. Darnat, president of the financial commission of the Chamber.

THE PARIS CONFERENCE.

PARIS, September 20.

The conference of the Quai D'Orsay ended at seven in the evening. An official announcement states that Curzon, Storza and Poincare agreed on the advisability of convening at the soonest possible opportunity a conference whereat Britain, France, Italy, Japan, Greece, Rumania, Jugoslavia, and Turkey would be represented, to draft terms of future peace. Beatty reported the naval and military situation to M. Graesse, chief of the French naval staff, and supplied supplementary information to the conference which resumes on Friday.

GUESSING WHAT'S UP.

LONDON, September 20.

The unexpected and urgently summoned conference of ministers with army, navy and air chiefs last evening, for which Lloyd George and Winston Churchill returned from the country, is believed to be due to a communication from Lord Curzon, who in the afternoon and evening conferred with Messrs Poincare, Storza, and Harding, together with experts in Paris. It is noteworthy that M. Poincare conferred with Marshal Foch and General Weygand before the afternoon conference.

GROUNDLESS FEARS.

LONDON, September 20.

Fears that this evening's cabinet meeting portended an unfavourable turn were apparently groundless. It is understood that the government regards the Paris agreement as most satisfactory.

LABOUR DEAD AGAINST WAR.

LONDON, September 20.

A Labour anti-war demonstration in London passed a resolution condemning the foreign policy of Lloyd George, terming him a danger to the peace of the world and demanding immediate elections. Speakers intimated that to-morrow's trade-union delegation will tell Lloyd George that organised labour is unitedly opposed to war. One speaker suggested a general stoppage of all industries in the event of war.

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REPARATIONS.

EXCITEMENT IN GERMANY.

LONDON, September 20.

There was some excitement in Germany as a result of Lord Robert Cecil's intimation to the League assembly yesterday that the third commission considered the drafting of a practical scheme of disarmament would be impracticable until the question of inter-allied indebtedness had been settled as part of the reparations settlement. As M. Jouvenel, the French delegate, hinted, France would not be averse from reference of reparations to the League. German papers are most hopeful that this means a change of France's attitude.

IMPERIAL RESOURCES.

LORD LONG'S PROPOSALS.

LONDON, September 20.

A new campaign for empire development is being inaugurated by Lord Long. In an article in the October issue of the *Nineteenth Century* he suggests the appointment of a cabinet committee in the first instance to inquire whether lapse of time necessitates any changes from the United Kingdom viewpoint in the decisions of the imperial war conference of 1917 in favour of encouraging the development of imperial resources. This should be followed by an imperial conference, including the crown colonies, to lay down a definite policy.

HOLLAND'S FINANCES.

SEVERE ECONOMIES.

THE HAGUE, September 20.

The State General budget totals 1003 millions of florins. The estimated expenditure is 808 millions a decrease of 23 millions. The revenue is 567 millions, a decrease of 23 millions as compared with 1922. The Minister of Finance explained that to effect equilibrium he had reduced expenditure in the state departments by seventeen per cent. He said the Government was determined to prevent deficits in the railway and postal services. He did not deny that education, health, and other services might suffer, but the stability of the florin was at present most important.

RUSSIA AND CHINA EQUALS.

CONFERENCE PROPOSED.

LONDON, September 20.

Official news from Moscow says the Chinese Foreign Minister has accepted a proposal for a joint Russo-Chinese conference to settle outstanding questions based on the equality of both sides. He suggests meeting in Peking shortly.

RUSSIAN FAMINE.

REPORT OF DELEGATES.

GENEVA, September 20.

The International congress for Russian relief was attended by delegates from over thirty governments. A report was read stating that to August 15 1,400,000 persons in Russia had been assisted. Sixty thousand tons of seed were delivered to the Soviet. Two million deaths ensued famine.

INDIAN MUSLEMS.

CONFER WITH VICEEROY.

SIMLA, September 20.

The Mohammedan motion in the Indian Assembly, reported yesterday, was withdrawn as soon as the Viceroy consented to receive the Moslem legislators to hear their views.

CONGRESS AGAINST PRESIDENT.

ON SOLDIERS' BONUS BILL.

WASHINGTON, September 20.

The House of Representatives repassed the soldiers' bonus bill by 258 to 64. It is expected however, that the Senate will sustain the President's veto.

GENTLEMAN-AT-ARMS DIES.

A CHINA VETERAN.

LONDON, September 20.

Sir Henry Oldham, who served in the China war in 1860, has died at the age of 82. He was a lieutenant in the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms.

INDIAN IRONWORKERS.

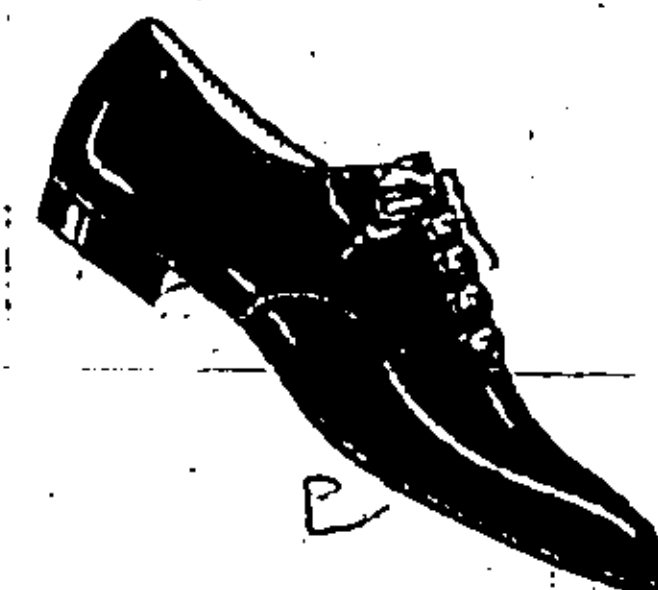
STRIKE WITHOUT WARNING.

CALCUTTA, September 20.

Jamshedpur reports that the employees of the Tata Iron and Steel works, dissatisfied with their wages, have struck without warning.

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COTTON.

According to a London cable published here to-day, Sir Charles Macara, the Lancashire cotton industry magnate, declares Britain has nothing to fear from India, China or Japan as serious competitors in the cotton spinning industry. To prove his statement he quotes the International Cotton Federation's statistics. These show that the three Asiatic countries with their combined populations of 800,000,000 have roundly only 12,000,000 cotton spindles, while Britain and Ireland require this number of spindles to supply their own needs. Lancashire alone, he could have added, contains over one third of the world's spindles.

Sir Charles Macara mentioned that the installation of these spindles in India, China and Japan cost double the amount it would have cost to erect them in England. Moreover, the machinery was mostly employed in making coarse goods. The high cost of the plant is mainly due, of course, to expense entailed in transport. The coarse quality is largely due to the very presence of mills in India, China and Japan. As Britain has been elbowed out of corners of the world by other competitors, Lancashire has more and more striven to produce finer yarns and cloths. With the best machinery in the world and workers inheriting the dexterity of generations, Lancashire has established a supremacy in cotton manufacture which less endowed nations cannot hope to challenge. They therefore largely restrict themselves for the present to the coarser qualities, as Sir Charles Macara has noted.

This does not mean, however, that Lancashire's lead is altogether undisputed, even by the three Asiatic countries. Sir Charles Macara cited

China now has 1,972,763 cotton spindles, an increase of 693,727 spindles within the last two years. That she is striving not only to increase the number of her spindles but also to improve the quality of her manufactures is revealed by the preliminary report of her cotton improvement for this year presented by Mr. J. B. Griffing, of the Nanking University, at the annual meeting of the Cotton Millowners' Association of China held in Shanghai last week.

The present season 1922 may be considered the most successful period of the three years that the Nanking University has been promoting cotton improvement under the support of the China Cotton Anti-Adulteration Association and the Cotton Millowners' Association of China, and Mr. Griffing records that among other advances made the acclimatization of American cotton has been practically accomplished, a task which some had declared hopeless and others impossible within three years.

Good progress has also been made with the training of cotton workers and the work of creating better varieties of Chinese cotton. Furthermore, efforts to introduce foreign implements have been continued with great success. This last is in itself a noteworthy feat, and should have important effects. What the cotton industry, properly developed and organized, will mean for China is shown by the following passage from Mr. Griffing's report:

Rice and other spring planted crops are almost an absolute failure for a wide radius about Nanking. Low land that produces rice is usually high priced, while the uplands upon which cotton grows are sold or rented at a much lower figure. The contrast therefore between the productive cotton fields of the University that produce a crop worth from \$12 to \$16 per acre with adjacent rice fields where the value of the harvest is less than \$2, is an impressive demonstration to the farmers not only of the value of cotton but of its certainty.

The Cotton Millowners' Association of China and the Cotton Anti-Adulteration Association have guaranteed to provide the means necessary for the Nanking University to carry on cotton experimental and improvement work for three years. This period expires on February 28 next year. The Millowners' Association announces that it will be unable to extend its support beyond the stipulated time. Therefore, if the further progress of China's cotton industry is not to suffer the Government, which has so far done little to foster the industry, must rouse itself from its present inaction and encourage home planting. Otherwise, with her increasing demands for the raw material, China will be forced to import more and still more cotton. That would mean a heavy and quite avoidable burden for the industry.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

There was to have been a night fete at the Y.R.C. to-night but, owing to the inclement weather, it has been postponed.

Mr. J. C. Barretto has resigned his position as Manager of the Union Trading Company's export department and ceases to have power to sign for the firm per pro.

In March 1923 a fully qualified matron and three qualified nurses will be wanted for the Peak hospital. Applications for the jobs are invited in an advertisement appearing to-day.

Mr. E. W. Hamilton, convalescent, acted as first magistrate this morning in place of Mr. R. E. Lindahl, who is indisposed. Mr. T. W. Ainsworth continued to act for Mr. Hamilton as second magistrate.

As the result of variety performances given in the College Hall on Friday and Saturday evenings last the Chairman of the Queen's College Amateur Dramatic Association has been enabled to send to the Tung Wah Hospital a cheque for \$1,270 27 in aid of the Swatow Typhoon Relief Fund.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. T. W. Ainsworth this morning, on three counts, with the theft of \$40 in silver and notes and \$70 in copper cents from No. 374 Queen's Road West; and theft of 27 catkins of round size skin worth \$180, from No. 10, Jubilee Street. The defendant pleaded guilty and the Magistrate passed sentence of 6 weeks on each of the first two charges.

Two Chinese, a runner and an office coolie, were charged before Mr. T. W. Ainsworth this morning, at the instance of Mr. S. P. Leigh, the Immigration Officer, with having aided and abetted the false personation of an emigrant named Tong Mo tang, at an examination of Emigrants held by the Immigration Officer on board the "Tithybus." Messrs. R. E. A. Webster and M. M. Watson appeared for the defendants and obtained a remand. Bail was fixed in the sum of \$250 each.

Further particulars have been made available concerning the grand vaudeville entertainment advertised for Saturday, October 7, for which booking opens at Moutrie's to-day. There are to be songs, a monologue, illusionist, and other attractions. The proceeds are for the local M.O.C., the funds of which are distributed among such institutions as the Royal Soldiers' Daughters' Home, the Captain Eryast Memorial Fund, the London Hospital and various local charities. The patronage of H. E. Dr. Severn and others has been granted.

Quite a number of letters appear to be dropped at the wrong ports now-a-days. We mentioned the other day that postal matter addressed to a Colombo postbox had been delivered to the postbox of corresponding number in Kobe, says the *Japan Chronicle*. The recipient received a very stern note from the post office concerning his duty of returning it at once and the penalties that he was liable to under the Post Office Law for failing to do so. As it was only advertising matter it was really nothing to be so stern about. What is the duty of a firm whose head office in Kobe receives a letter addressed to a branch office in China? This happened the other day, and the office opened the letter and dealt with the business. Perhaps they too would be liable to penalties under the Post Office Law. The only people who escape all penalties is the Post Office.

SPECIAL CABLE.

SINGAPORE MOHAMMANS.

CRITICISE JUDGE.

SINGAPORE, Sept. 20.
Judge Barrett Lennard made a spirited protest against the Mohammedan Advisory Board condemning his opinion in a recent Mohammedan case. The incident caused a lot of comment. The Judge's action is generally approved.

POST OFFICE PROSECUTION.

JUSTICE TEMPERED WITH MERCY.

On account of his age, the Government asked for clemency in the case of an ex-post office employee, now the master of a postal-hong in West Point. The man who is 75 years of age, pleaded guilty before Mr. T. W. Ainsworth yesterday afternoon to a charge of having in his possession some forged dies bearing a series of numerals from 1 to 31, which the prosecution alleged were similar to those used in the post office for post-marking stamps, and the defendant was using them on used postage stamps with intent to defraud the post-office.

Two other charges of forging the dies were also preferred against the defendant, but on the application of Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg, Assistant Crown Solicitor, they were not proceeded with.

Mr. R. E. A. Webster, for the defence, told the Magistrate that it was the wish of the Postmaster-General and the Attorney-General that the case be not sent on to the Supreme Court. Prisoner had pleaded guilty to the charge of possession, and in view of the fact that he was an old man with a large family the Government did not wish to see the heavy penalty inflicted which might be imposed by a higher court. The prisoner, he added, was addicted to opium and was now under the doctor's care. He asked his Worship to impose as light a sentence as possible.

Mr. Hazlerigg agreed with Mr. Webster's request and said that although he could not ask for leniency in such a serious case, he would ask that His Worship temper justice with mercy in dealing with the defendant. The Postmaster-General did not wish for a heavy penalty.

The Magistrate passed sentence of four months' hard labour.

OBITUARY.

CAPT. WILSON COUPER.

The death has occurred in Kobe, on his way back from home leave, of Capt. Wilson Couper of the Douglas Steamship Company.

The deceased who was 47 years of age, joined the Company on April 1, 1910, as second officer, and being a capable man, he soon rose to the position of chief officer which he held until recently, when he was appointed a captain of the Company.

During the war, Capt. Couper served with ships commissioned by the Government.

Of a genial disposition, the deceased was popular everywhere he went, and had made many friends on the coast, both inside and outside of shipping circles.

He was much liked by all who came in contact with him socially or otherwise, and there are many who will experience a great sense of loss in his death.

Much sympathy is felt for the deceased's relatives at home in their sudden sad bereavement.

"THE GIRL IN THE TAXI."

One of the evil results of last night's typhoon weather was that many people were prevented from going along to the Coronet and giving them selves a rare treat by being present at the screening of a capital film version of the famous musical comedy "A Girl in the Taxi." There will be further opportunities, however, as the picture is to remain at the Coronet up to Saturday. Those who did get along yesterday were richly rewarded for their effort. It proved to be a splendidly produced film and the farcical humour of the piece was very cleverly presented.

BOGUS DETECTIVES.

ALSO HUMOROUS THIEVES.

A Chinese woman was walking in Eastern Street yesterday evening, when she was accosted by two men who said they were detectives and wanted to search her on suspicion of possession of unlawful property. The men took a purse containing \$20 from the pocket of an inner jacket, and then ran down a side lane in the direction of Queen's Road.

TYPHOON WEATHER.

STORM PASSES OVER.

"Just like Brighton on a dirty day" was the comment of one of the little group of spectators who stood on the Praya last night watching the local results of the distant typhoon. Columns of spray were hurling themselves across Blake Pier and over the Praya Wall. The ferries found it necessary to stop running soon after seven o'clock and more than one Kowloon resident had in consequence to look around for a lodging for the night on the island. An hour later the Peak tramway ceased to function. Many of the steamers in port left their buoys and wharves for more sheltered anchorages behind Stonecutters and in Kowloon Bay and Junk Bay.

Though there was still an extraordinarily high tide which sent the craft moored against the Praya wall riding away up above the level of the street, the harbour had lost most of its turbulence this morning and the hauling down of the last typhoon signal brought out the junks and motor boats from their hiding places. The ferries were running as usual, though they had their awnings furlled, and during the morning several vessels that had been hung up outside by the heavy weather came safely into port.

RETURNED BANISHEE.

WHO CANNOT STOP PILFERING.

A Chinese with three previous convictions in 1916 and 1917, and who had served a term of 12 months in 1918 for returning from banishment, was charged before Mr. T. W. Ainsworth this morning with the theft of a bamboo hat belonging to a coolie, in Connaught Road Central, yesterday afternoon.

Defendant said as it was raining hard he merely "borrowed" the hat to cross the road with. He admitted he did not ask the coolie's permission to take the hat, but he had intended to return it when he re-crossed the road.

Sub-Inspector Macdonald asked that the charge be dropped, as since the defendant's arrest it had been discovered that he was a returned life banishee and the Captain Superintendent of Police wished to have him committed to the Sessions, as he had returned from banishment on a previous occasion.

After Sergt. Vincent, in charge of the Finger-prints Department, had produced the prisoner's record which he admitted, the Magistrate decided to deal with him summarily, and imposed the maximum penalty of 12 months' hard labour.

BURGLARY IN CITY.

HAUL WORTH \$730.

A burglar entered the second floor of No. 66, Des Voeux Road Central last night by letting himself down to the verandah by means of a rope through the trap door in the skylight, and stole clothing, jewellery and money worth \$730. The owner of the property, a Chinese accountant named Mr. Woon-ping, did not discover his loss until the morning when he promptly informed the police. The burglar who must have escaped the same way he had come, left the rope behind him, dangling through the skylight.

Writing in the *Central China Post* on the subject of the "Ever Changing Metropolis," "Rover" says: "Shanghai to-day presents a kaleidoscopic appearance. Ever pulling down, ever rebuilding, ever improving and ever putting all its eggs in one basket. You may go away for six months, or one year or more as the case may be, and on your return you simply gasp with amazement at the building activities around you and the marked changes which present themselves to your vision. Instead of coming back to Shanghai and feeling at home, being drawn by the old feeling of familiarity, you feel yourself a stranger in a strange land. Of course it is the same Shanghai, but owing to modern art and enterprise it is the same old lady renovated and wearing continually new clothes of the latest fashion. If you stay in the hotel and simply gaze out of your window and see the continual procession of motor-cars coming and going, the question naturally strikes you, where are all these people going or coming from. The question is easily answered. The old long life of Shanghai is a thing of the past, Shanghai has adopted the pattern of London.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

In addition to the child labour bill, the Legislative Council this afternoon considered new measures to amend the law relating to dangerous goods, evidence and the administration of oaths, perjury and kindred offences, and the incorporation of the Zetland Hall trustees. The Attorney-General proposed all the bills with the exception of the last, which was moved by the Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe.

ATTENDANCE.

There were present: His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., H.E. the General Officer Commanding the Troops, Major General Sir J. B. Fowler K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., The Acting Colonial Secretary, Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, C.M.G., D.S.O., The Attorney-General, the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, K.C., C.B., The Secretary for Chinese Affairs, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, O.B.E., The Director of Education, the Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving, The Director of Public Works, the Hon. Mr. T. L. Perkins, The Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird, The Hon. Mr. Chou Shou-son, The Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, The Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe, The Hon. Mr. Ng Hon Tsz, The Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr, Mr. A. Dyer Ball, Acting Clerk of Councils.

PAPERS TABLED.

The Colonial Secretary tabled the financial minutes (published elsewhere in this issue and the report of the Finance Committee; also a resolution under the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance for the erection of a temporary public latrine on the Kowloon City Road. (Certain objections were received from owners and occupiers of property in the vicinity but these objections were overruled.

DANGEROUS GOODS.

The Attorney General moved the first reading of a bill to amend the Dangerous Goods Ordinance of 1873. The "objects and reasons" stated that some of the new rules are based on a model supplied by the Petroleum Department of the Government at Home. Offenders are to be tried by one magistrate instead of two.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

TAKING OF EVIDENCE.

The Attorney General moved the first reading of a bill for an Evidence Amendment Ordinance. Under this measure power is taken to use depositions of witnesses who cannot subsequently be found at their last address. This is to foil those who bribe or intimidate witnesses. Dying depositions, when properly taken, are also to be admissible. Affirmation instead of oath is provided for in some cases, even for Chinese witnesses. An innovation is the admission in homicide cases of medical notes or reports by Government medical officers who may be absent or dead, provided that the handwriting is proved.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

PERJURY.

The Attorney General moved the first reading of a bill for a new Perjury Ordinance. This is founded on the Perjury Act of 1911, which is "a true codifying enactment." An interpreter may be tried for perjury for interpreting falsely. The new law covers all kinds of declarations, apart from oaths in court. The maximum summary penalty is \$250.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

CHILD LABOUR.

The Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill styled the Industrial Employment of Children Ordinance, 1922. This measure is meant to carry out so far as possible the recommendations of the Commission which reported last October. A child is any person under fifteen. This raises the age one year. The carriage of coal and building material and debris is one of the occupation particularly included. The Government takes wide power of making regulations. All prosecutions must have the consent of the Protector. "Objects and reasons" says "it is obviously necessary to approach the problem cautiously and slowly, in order to avoid upsetting long established social and economic conditions. Too drastic an interference with juvenile labour would undoubtedly cause great hardship to the poorer classes." Three dangerous trades are forbidden alto-

LOCAL MAN DECORATED.

M. C. FOR CAPTAIN D. C. LOGAN.

Captain Donald Clements Logan, late of the Loyal North Lancashire, was presented by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn C.M.G.), just prior to this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council, with the Military Cross he won in the great war.

His Excellency read an extract from the *London Gazette* which stated that the decoration was awarded "for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty" and that "during a raid on the enemy trenches he led his party to their objective with skill and intelligence, inflicting severe losses on the enemy and capturing six prisoners." After pinning the medal on to the lapel of Captain Logan's coat His Excellency said: "It gives me great pleasure to make this presentation to you and I congratulate you most heartily on having won this mark of His Majesty's favour for your gallantry."

BURNT ROPE.

CAUSE OF STEEPLEJACK'S SFT. FALL.

At an inquest at Brighton on Edward Beaufort Gold, of Streatham, S.W., who died from injuries through falling 85 feet from a chimney shaft at the Brighton Electricity Works, a verdict of Accidental Death was returned.

When fixing his tackle on the morning of the accident Gold inadvertently allowed a portion of the rope which was holding him to get inside the chimney. This became burnt and severed. Gold was not wearing either a life line or a life belt.

Mr. C. H. Gold, of Ilford, Essex, a nephew of the dead man, said members of the family had been master steeplejacks for many years, and had never had a fatal accident before.

gather to children. These are boiler chipping, glass making, and fireworks making. No child under ten may be employed in a factory. No child under twelve may carry building material, etc. Unreasonably heavy loads are forbidden. In certain respects the recommendations of the Commission have not been adopted. The proposal of the Commission that employers be compelled to provide rest rooms, sanitary conveniences, and first aid, has not been included in the bill because it seemed to be rather a matter for general factory legislation. The subject can however be dealt with by regulation, as regards children in factories, if the experience gained under the Ordinance shows that it is desirable to do so. A nine hour day is provided for. A "Protection" of Juvenile Labour is to be appointed. The bill is also intended to carry out, so far as possible, the spirit of the Draft Convention fixing the minimum age of admission of children to industrial employment which was adopted at Washington on November 29, 1919, by the International Labour Conference.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

ZETLAND HALL BILL.

The Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe moved the first reading of a bill to amend the law relating to the incorporation of the Zetland Hall trustees, the objects and reasons of which were given by Mr. C. H. Alabaster as follows:

Zetland Hall and the property on which it stands is vested by Ordinance No. 4 of 1915, in certain trustees all of whom are members of Zetland Lodge and who are required by that Ordinance to hand over to Zetland Lodge all moneys they receive from those other lodges which are permitted by Zetland Lodge to use the premises for their meetings. The members of Zetland Lodge have found the cost of maintaining the premises too heavy in recent years to be borne by a single lodge and as a result of negotiations the other lodges mentioned in clause 2 of the bill have agreed to share the responsibility and to "pay" to Zetland Lodge an agreed amount for the surrender of their exclusive control. This Bill therefore substitutes a new Ordinance for No. 4 of 1915.

(Clause 2 mentions the following lodges:—Zetland Lodge No. 535 E.O., Victoria Lodge No. 1023 E.O., Persimmon Lodge No. 1165 E.O., United Service Lodge No. 1341 E.O., University Lodge No. 3668 E.O., St. John's Lodge No. 618 E.O., Naval and Military Lodge No. 849 E.O., and Eastern Scots Lodge No. 923 E.O.) The Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Council then adjourned to Thursday week.

COLONY'S FINANCE.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL'S
\$100,000 VOTE FOR PUBLIC
WORKS.

The following financial minutes recommended by the Officer Administering the Government were considered by the Legislative Council Finance Committee this afternoon:—

\$30,000 in aid of the vote public works, recurrent, New Territories commutation, (39) maintenance of roads and bridges.

\$15,000 in aid of the vote public works, extraordinary, Hongkong, buildings (6) Government House, additions and reconstruction of kitchen and garage blocks.

\$13,400 in aid of the vote public works extraordinary, New Territories, buildings, (95) telephone signalling installation, Waglan.

\$17,000 on account of public works, extraordinary, Kowloon, conversion of the China Light and Power Company's premises into a government garage.

\$2,402 on account of miscellaneous services, purchase of a motor car for use of Medical Officer in Kowloon and New Territories.

\$5,700 in aid of the following votes:—

Fire Brigade, other charges:—
Clothing \$ 3,500
Incidental expenses 200
Stores 200

Total \$ 5,700

\$15,000 on account of public works, extraordinary, Hongkong, buildings, alteration of Harbour view is a police training school.

\$500 in aid of the vote public works extraordinary, Kowloon buildings, (68) Kowloon British School, provision of new class rooms.

\$7,000 in aid of the vote Kowloon Canton Railway, locomotives, carriages and wagon department, other charges, coal.

\$1,500 in aid of the following votes:—

Governor, other charges:—
Incidental expenses \$ 750
Electric fans and light 70
Total \$ 1,500

\$10,000 in aid of the vote public works, recurrent, Hongkong, buildings (2) improvements to buildings.

\$5,000 in aid of the vote Harbour Master's Department, other charges, raising and renewing moorings of ocean steamships.

PASSION TRAGEDY.

HUSBAND LURED TO DEATH.

The German account of the crime for which Baron Nikolai von Gager and Prince zu Stolberg have just been condemned to death by a Belgian court is published. It is one of the most hideous tales of the war.

Between December 1914, and March 1915 Baron von Gager, together with other officers of the staff of his regiment lived in the chateau of Baron d'Udekem d'Acoz near Brussels.

Baron von Gager fell madly in love with the Baroness d'Udekem. He sought an excuse for putting her husband out of the way, in the hope that he might persuade her to marry him.

He decided to pick a quarrel with the husband and challenge him to a duel. He found an excuse in the fact that the Belgian had told him that there were no arms in the chateau, whereas arms were afterwards discovered there.

He took Prince zu Stolberg into his confidence, and together they went to a retired part of the forest surrounding the chateau, where he had asked the owner to meet him. Baron d'Udekem kept the appointment, and his German rival offered him a revolver, and, according to the statement of his German rival, he was told that they must fight a duel until one of them was killed.

Baron d'Udekem, who was a Catholic, refused. Prince zu Stolberg retired and left the two together. The Belgian continued to refuse to fight, until at last the German said, "I will count 1, 2, 3. If you have not fired at 3, I shall fire at you."

The Belgian did not fire, and the German shot him dead. He and his friend took a spade which they had brought in their motor-car and dug a grave in which they placed Baron d'Udekem.

This was afterwards discovered, and Baron von Gager was condemned by a German military court to expulsion from the army and 15 years' penal servitude. The prince was condemned to six months' imprisonment in a fortress.

Both of them regained their liberty by an amnesty. The prince is dead and Baron von Gager is living abroad.

PEAK HOSPITAL.

MR. JOSEPH'S GENEROUS ACT.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL'S
THANKS.

Reference to the philanthropic action of Mr. J. E. Joseph in making the Peak Hospital available for the use of the community was made by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn C.M.G.) just before the ordinary business of this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council was begun.

His Excellency said that since the Council's last meeting Mr. Joseph had, by an act of great generosity, bought the Peak Hospital and made it over to the Government to use as a nursing home for such period as they wished. By doing this Mr. Joseph relieved a very difficult situation as the owners of the hospital had determined to close it at the end of this month. If that had occurred the hospital accommodation of the Colony would have been very short and it would have been difficult to provide for the needs of patients. The Government had accepted Mr. Joseph's generous gift and had appointed a committee which was now at work making arrangements for carrying on the hospital from the first of October. The Government had taken the responsibility of seeing that the property was put in thoroughly good order and when the nursing home which was supposed to be erected as part of the War Memorial was ready it was proposed to hand the hospital back to Mr. Joseph to deal with as he wished.

His Excellency added that he was sure honourable members would wish the Clerk to record on the minutes the appreciation which they, as representatives of the community, felt towards Mr. Joseph for his most philanthropic action in this matter.

In seconding the proposition for a vote of thanks the Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Farr said that the Council would cordially support what His Excellency had said. It would have been possible to make temporary arrangements, in his opinion, if the Peak Hospital had been sold other than as a hospital but these arrangements could not have been as good as the hospital itself. Mr. Joseph, by stepping into the breach and making this generous gift to the community, would earn the thanks of everybody.

The proposition was unanimously agreed to and His Excellency said that the Clerk would be instructed to convey it to Mr. Joseph.

MURDERED MOTHER.

GIRL AS CHIEF WITNESS
AGAINST FATHER.

A verdict of Murder was returned against Aaron Roser, farm labourer, of Blidely Heath, by the jury at the inquest at Blidely Heath on his wife Daisy Edith, 41, who was found dead in her bedroom with throat wounds.

Daisy Angelina Roser, 14, who found her mother dead on the bedroom floor, said that her father had ever so many times threatened to kill her mother. They quarrelled because a neighbour used to tell lies about her mother, whom her father would then thrash. He also accused her mother of going for omnibus rides with men.

It was stated that when arrested the husband had bloodstains on his clothing. There was also a recent cut on the left side of his neck and when asked what it was he replied, "I did it myself before I left home that morning. I left the razor there. She has been a trouble for the last year. I can't remember doing it."

Roser was committed for trial on the coroner's warrant.

FRIEND SHOT.

TRAGIC END TO A DAY'S
SHOOTING.

Returning from a shooting expedition on the Gower Peninsula near Swansea, Evan Joseph Phillips was unloading his gun, when it accidentally went off, and Llewellyn Luther Jenkins, his friend, received the charge in his stomach. Jenkins died before a doctor arrived. The two men belonged to Bynna, near Swansea, and were staying at Cheriton, a village on the north of the Gower Peninsula. They had been out shooting together all day.

One case of enteric fever, Chinese, was notified yesterday.

In aid of the "Nanning Fund" a pianoforte recital will be given by Mr. Eric Rice in the hall room, Government House, on Thursday, October 5 at 9.15 p.m. The vocalist will be Mrs. Gandy.

GARRISON'S LOSS.

Billy Monmouth of the Royal Engineers is dead. He passed peacefully away at Wellington Barracks during the night. His sudden death was a shock to his friends, for he was quite well the previous day. The oldest member of the Garrison, as far as service in the Colony is concerned, Billy was a well-known figure here during the war and had a large circle of friends not only among the men of the services, but also among the civilian population. Billy will be greatly missed, especially when the football season comes.

Billy's connection with the Royal Engineers began with the war, but his connection with the Colony dated many years further back than that. He had been in the Navy, and came out to China with the first crew of H.M.S. "Monmouth" as its mascot early in the nineties, and had lived in these parts ever since. If first made his home permanently ashore at the outbreak of the war, when the "Monmouth" was called away for active service. Billy who had by this time become a venerable old goat, was attached to the R.E.s. Then the "Monmouth" was sunk with all hands on board, and Billy became permanently quartered with the R.E.s, and right glad they were to have him too. As sole survivor of the crew of that gallant cruiser, Billy was nicknamed "Monmouth" to commemorate the memory of the ship and his connection with her.

Billy worked hard during the war, and was a familiar figure at football matches, with his gay trappings, and he collected good sums of money for the Red Cross and the fund for raising money to buy smokes for Jack and Tommy on active service. At the end of the war he was put on the reserve list and received his well earned pension. He had seen drafts come and go during all these years, but remained, the oldest and only permanent resident of Wellington Barracks until death took him away.

They are stuffing his head and it will have a place of honour in the barracks.

PANIC IN CATHEDRAL.

MADMAN OFFERS HIMSELF
AS SACRIFICE.

A startling scene was enacted in the New York Cathedral, St. Patrick during the celebration of High Mass by Father Patrick Daly.

The worshippers were disturbed as a man with a blood-stained knife in his hand ran between the aisles. Women screamed and men shouted, but the priest remained on his knees, continuing the service without apparent concern.

As he rose to his feet Father Daly saw the man standing by his side, clad only in a sleeveless undershirt and trousers. The stranger had two wounds, in the form of a cross, on his bare chest.

Realizing that the intruder was a madman, the priest answered his gesticulations and incoherent exclamations with soothing words. In broken English the man was professing his intention of offering himself as a sacrifice.

"Yes, I understand you," said Father Daly, "but you must wait. Go back, and tell them at the pulpit." Several men rushed to the altar and grappled with the man, twisting the knife from his grasp. Police took charge of him and the tumult in the church subsided as he was conducted to an ambulance.

Except for the brief time spent in quelling the mania the priest suffered the incident to make no break in his conducting of the service. Father Daly believes that the man is one who has lately been writing voluminous prophetic letters, portended with his own blood to the Cathedral clergy.

BULL FIGHTINES.

PROMOTER AND FOUR MAT-
ADORS HAVE ALSO TO
PAY DAMAGES.

A message from Bordeaux states that the promoter of a bull fight at Bordeaux, on July 14, at which eight bulls were killed, together with four matadors, have each been sentenced to one day's imprisonment, 15 francs fine, and 1,000 francs damages to the Society for the Protection of Animals.

The papers commenting on this says the *Exchange*, declare that in view of the enormous takings at bull fights, meetings are not likely to be seriously interrupted by such penalties.

CROWN AND ANCHOR.

NEAT CAPTURE BY BRISTOL
POLICE.

The stratagem which Ulysses employed in the taking of Troy has had a modern counterpart in a police raid on Bristol "crown and anchor" players and its sequel in Bristol police court.

The Trojans fell before the Grecian sol'ery, who sprang with their weapons from the wooden horse. Nine "lucky lads" of Bristol were captured by thirteen police who emerged unexpectedly with drawn batons from an innocent looking wooden furniture van on the Welsh Back.

Sergeant Bond C. J. D. told the magistrate how he and a dozen policemen proceeded to the Welsh Back, concealed in a furniture van, and looking through a crevice saw a number of men playing crown and anchor between two piles of timber.

The police jumped from the van, drew their batons, and seized Stephen Gamlin, Alfred Cridland, Horace Smith, William Hutchings Bryant, David Houghton, Thomas Johns, John Drane, Henry George Dando, and Alfred Horsey, together with the crown and anchor board, cup, three dice, and fivepence halfpenny. They were placed in the van, and taken to the Central Police Station.

Drane and Horsey, against whom nothing was known, escaped on the payment of ten shillings costs; similar payments were made by the seven other defendants, six of whom were also fined ten shillings, but Johns, upon whom there was found over two pounds, and who was the crown and anchorite at the Welsh Back, will be an anchorite at the Crown's expense for one month.

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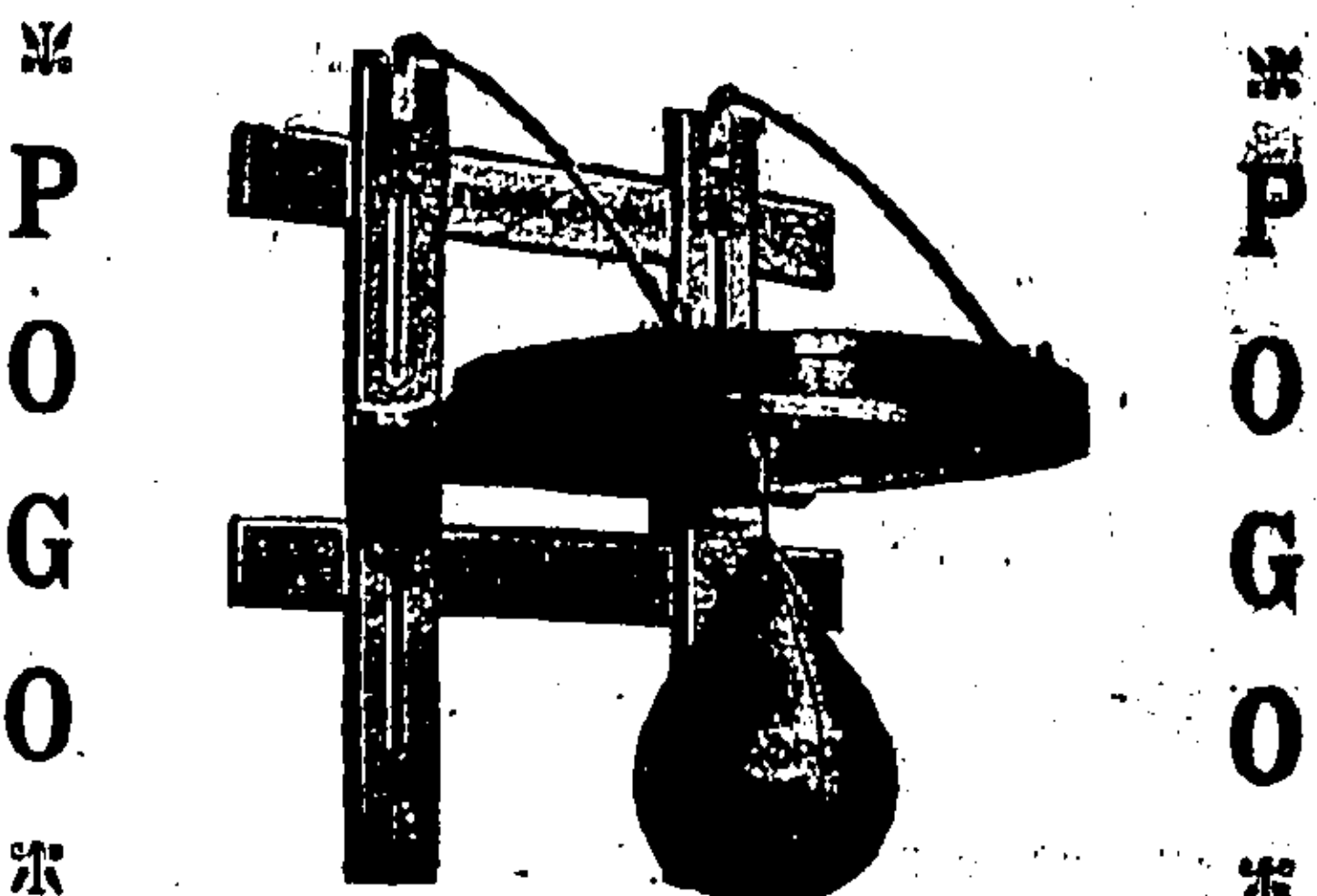
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NITRIC ACID.

HIDEOUS OUTRAGE ON SING- SONG GIRL.

The story of a wicked uncle who is alleged to have employed loafers to disfigure with nitric acid the face of his attractive 18-year old niece, a sing-song girl, was heard at the Mixed Court, Shanghai, when three men were charged on remand with causing grievous bodily harm to the young woman. Magistrate Kuan and Mr. Blackburn ordered a further remand in custody, to give the police an opportunity to apprehend the uncle and another Chinese believed to have bribed the three accused to commit the deed.

A detective-sergeant stated that on the night of August 17 the sing-song girl was returning home from Wing On's, where her uncle had recently been employed. As she was passing the mouth of an alleyway in Hankow Road, some one threw, what she at first thought was water, over her. An instant later she felt the burning effect of the acid and ran terrified into a Chinese restaurant. Here she fainted. Eventually she was sent to hospital. From statements taken from prisoners after their arrest, the motive for the crime became apparent. Since the death of the girl's father she had lived with her uncle, a confirmed opium smoker, who worked on the roof garden. He obtained her a position there as a sing-song girl and had been in the habit of taking her wages as well as his own. Some time before the acid throwing incident, the man had lost his position. As his niece had also left Wing On's and went to live with her mother, he was naturally deprived of his opium. In revenge he had planned through a middleman to blind the complainant. The prisoners, who had once before shadowed the girl, denied having thrown the acid.

The complainant corroborated the story told for the police, adding that it was only at first that she received no wages. Her uncle had said on one occasion: "How dare you continue to sing while I am not still at Wing On's?" The Bench said there was no direct evidence that either of the prisoners threw the acid. They, however, on their own admission were of bad character and the Bench were quite prepared to grant a remand in custody for a reasonable length of time. The accused were accordingly remanded for a fortnight.

[\$250,000 BREACH CLAIM.

ZIEGFELD DANCER AND SON OF MR. H. P. WHITNEY.

It is reported that Miss Evan Burrows Fontaine, the Oriental dancer, is suing Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney, son of Mr. Harry Payne Whitney, the millionaire sportsman, for breach of promise, claiming \$250,000 damages.

Mr. Cornelius Whitney, who is in the early thirties, was a Yale undergraduate three years ago when he met the dancer at a charity ball in New York organized by Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt.

Miss Fontaine alleges that he is the father of her son, born on December 14, 1921. Her case as outlined by her counsel is that Mr. Whitney began to court her in May 1919. The alleged promise of marriage was made in October 1921 after Miss Fontaine had informed him of her condition.

During the courtship, the dancer alleges, there was a quarrel. She hurried to Newhaven, where Yale College is situated, to make it up. She missed the last train to New York, and she and Mr. Whitney spent the night at a hotel as Mr. and Mrs. Crane.

Miss Fontaine, who is reputed to be one of the most beautiful girls on the American stage, was for some time a member of the famous Ziegfeld Follies.

Mr. Whitney's defence is that the action is the result of an unbecoming attempt at blackmail. He further alleges that at the time of the alleged promise of marriage between himself and Miss Fontaine the latter was already married.

LONDON'S CHINATOWN.

LAMENTING THE PROSPERITY OF OTHER DAYS.

London's Chinatown is disappearing, remarks the *Daily News*. At the present rate of depopulation it will not be long before Limehouse, causeway and Pennyfields lose all their Chinese residents.

Four years ago quite 2,000 Chinese seamen were living within a stone's throw of the West India Dock gates. Now it is doubtful whether there are 700.

During the war London's Chinatown had its most prosperous days, for quite a number of English ships were almost entirely manned by Chinese crews, while others, with English deck hands, had Oriental seamen below deck.

When the war ended, the edict went forth, "British crews for British ships," and as the Chinese were paid off they either went back to their own country, or to America, where their labour was in demand.

The result was that Chinese traders in Limehouse and Pennyfields began to suffer, and one after another had to put up their shutters. Then, suddenly, there came a boom, due to a singular cause. The death of Billie Carleton, the beautiful young West End actress, and the highly-coloured stories of opium and other parties, focussed public attention on the sinister streets and alleys of Chinatown.

Cafés and restaurants in which Chinese dishes could be obtained, opened one after the other, and American, as well as European visitors, flocked there at night to overflowing.

Commercially minded Orientals invested their money in the exploitation of the curiosity of the tourists, and prospered exceedingly for a time. But gradually the glamour died down, visitors became fewer and fewer, and now there are but one or two cheap, shabby restaurants left.

The proprietors of the larger and more picturesque establishments were compelled to cut their losses—several lost £500 or £600—and closed down.

And Chinatown now is but a shadow of its former self.

LATE T FRAUD.

SEASIDE LANDLADIES DUPED.

A new form of confidence trick is being practised on seaside, landladies, says a "Reynolds's" correspondent.

The advertiser, receives a letter from a Continental town saying that her apartments have been recommended by Mr. So-and-So, and the writer desires rooms for herself and family. The luggage, meanwhile, is being sent on in advance.

A day or so later comes another letter from a firm in the same Continental town, which says that they hold several trunks addressed to the landlady and left with them to be forwarded. The sender, however, having left his hotel en route for England, they are unable to collect the transport fees, which must be paid before the baggage can be forwarded. Will the landlady, therefore, forward the amount—between £2 and £3—in notes at once?

The letters having the appearance of authenticity, the unwary are caught, the money is sent, but neither guests nor luggage materialise.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S MEMOIRS.

£50,000 PAID FOR BRITISH AND AMERICAN COPYRIGHT.

Mr. Lloyd George's book of memoirs has been purchased for £50,000.

This price included both the American and British serial and book rights. The contract was made between Mr. Curtis Brown and Sir William Berry, and the volume will be published in England by Cassell, in which firm Sir William has a controlling interest.

ODDS AND ENDS.

MAINLY SCISSORS LOOT.

Vest Pocket Movie Camera.

What is probably the first vest-pocket motionpicture camera seen in England was brought over from Paris by a globe-trotter, comments a *Daily Chronicle* writer. The little "toy" has a capacity of 25 feet of ordinary cinefilm and in place of the crank handle there is a spring which, when pressed, clicks off the film. Simple in construction and absurdly easy in manipulation, one is led to the conclusion that this new camera will enjoy much popularity among a certain set of Society folk—and it only costs about £20.

Your Own Pillar Box

The Post Office undertakes to deliver your letters at your front door; do you know that it will also undertake for a small yearly fee to collect your letters at your front door? asks *Everyday Science*. For from £2 to £3 10s. a year, according to your district, you can have a neat little box fitted in the door in which you post your letters, and from which the postman will collect them at the usual hours by opening a small panel from the outside, thus saving you the journey to the pillar box. There are 11,000 of these private pillar-boxes in London. Most of them are in clubs, hotels, and big business offices, but there are a number in private houses, too. But they are not common outside London, probably because the unbusinesslike Post Office doesn't trouble to advertise the facility which it offers to the general public.

Novelty in Boats.

A glass-bottomed boat which will reveal to tourists some of the historic wrecks at the bottom of Lake Champlain as similar boats reveal to enraptured tourists the coral wonders of the Bermuda waters will soon be put in service. Hulks of old batteaux resting on the lake bottom in Arnold's Bay, near the mouth of Otter Creek, on the Vermont side of the lake, and only four miles from Westport are visible on clear days to the eyes, and it is thought that the use of a glass-bottomed boat will reveal their outline in much greater detail. These old vessels are said to have been burned by the Colonial naval forces to prevent their falling into the hands of the pursuing British fleet.

Other historic hulks rest at the bottom of the lake, notably near Bluff Point, Hotel Champlain, and off old Fort Ticouderoga.

Lighthouses for Night Flying.

By the end of the winter the London-Paris air route between Croydon and the coast will be illuminated with aerial lighthouses the whole way, so that an airplane flying at night will always have at least one light in sight to guide him. There are already two "cone" lights, one marking the Croydon aerodrome and the other at the coast aerodrome at Lympne. A flashing light has just been erected at Tisbury Hill, near Wellingham, and another is to be placed on top of a 10 foot steel tower at Cranbrook, Kent. These lights are of 65,000 candlepower, visible 32 miles away. When they are erected, the airway to the coast will be the first in the world to be scientifically illuminated. It will then be quite simple to fly to Paris after tea, dine and do a bit there and fly back to London to bed the same evening.

Diagnosing by Wireless.

Another interesting instance has just come to light of what an important part wireless is proving in saving lives as sea by the diagnosing of various complaints received by big Transatlantic liners by wireless from cargo stowagers carrying no physicians. The Royal Mail Steam Packet Company's "Oropesa," whilst outward bound from Southampton to New York, was called upon by a Danish freighter—also bound for New York—from Malta—to prescribe for several sailors on board who were suffering from a mysterious malady. The doctor of the "Oropesa," who had been stationed during the war with the British squadron at Malta, recognised the "wireless" symptoms to be those of Malta fever, a species of malaria. He sent a message prescribing medicine and giving the course of treatment, and as no further call for aid was received apparently the advice had had the desired effect. In this case it would have been easy to mistake the nature of the ailment, as the symptoms described might have arisen from some other cause. Dr. Brown's experience in Malta, however, enabled him to make correct diagnosis.

Well's "Kips."

It seems possible (writes a correspondent to the *Manchester Guardian*) that I have discovered, purely by chance, where Mr. H. G. Wells obtained the name given to the bats known of his creations. Looking through the list of bygone players appended to Lord Harris's "History of Kent County Cricket" I noticed the following entry:—"Kips of Eltham played for Kent vs. England in the

FARM ROMANCE.

HERITAGE THAT BECAME WORLD FAMOUS.

Reminiscences, stories and anecdotes make up the very readable book just written and published by Mr. Edwin Grey concerning his 50 years' service at Rothamsted Experimental Station, the world-known agricultural laboratories near Harpenden, Hertfordshire. Sir John Bennet Lawes and Sir Henry Gilbert founded Rothamsted in 1843. It sprang from a farm inherited by the former as a boy, who secured the co-operation of Gilbert, a young chemist who had worked under Liebig. The partnership between the two men was only severed by death.

In the early days there were no young scientific workers to help. Boys from the village school were taught to do the ancillary work. Mr. Grey, a Harpenden boy himself, began his connection in this way with the Experimental Farm as a "graspicker boy."

They sat at tables, and sorted out the samples from the Experimental Grass Plots. Some of the boys could never learn to separate properly. Quite oblivious of the laws of biology they used to put all the dairy species together in one heap and the long-leaved grasses in another.

Lady Lawes (then Mrs. Lawes) used to come to the laboratory occasionally, and on one occasion she came to see us at the grass-picking, bringing one or two lady visitors at Rothamsted with her.

Picking out a piece of grass, she asked one of the boys at the next table the name of it. "That's 'Ard,' 'Ard,' 'mum," said he.

"And this?" said Mrs. Lawes, picking up another grass.

"That's 'Soft 'Ard,' 'mum."

"How do you tell the difference?" asked Mrs. Lawes.

"One's 'ard' and 'ard,' and the other's 'ard' and soft, and one's got a sharp point and the other's got a round point," answered the boy.

BOY'S LECTURE COMMENT.

Sir Henry Gilbert used to do the honours on visiting days, speaking on some special subject chosen for the occasion. When the lecture was finished and Sir Henry had had his cup of tea he would lead the little band of pilgrims out to the fields. A faithful henchman carried Sir Henry's notes, and at the various fields handed up whatever note was asked for.

A boy named "Luck," one of the grass pickers, "one-day was sent to catch up the party, taking T. Sir Henry a paper he happened to have left behind. When Luck returned he asked him how the party was getting on. He said, "I caught 'em up in Agdell Field, and Sir Henry got up on the seat there, and then 'e got 'em all round 'im, and 'e didn't 'arf let 'em hev it!"

TRAIN B ON.

JOLTING ELIMINATED BY ROLLER BEARINGS.

Experts who have seen the tests applied to the newly discovered roller bearing for railway coaches by the Great Eastern Railway Company agree that the general adoption of the principle will revolutionise travelling.

Not only will it ensure much smoother running of trains than is now experienced on any line, but the great economy of its working will also, it is estimated, lessen fares appreciably.

The new roller bearing is the patent of the Chain Roller Bearing Company, Ltd., of Birmingham, and is made of such extraordinarily hard steel that it will bear the strain of 21 tons.

"It is impossible, so far, to tell how great will be the benefit of the invention to railway travellers," said a railway expert to a reporter.

"It will practically eliminate jolting and what is known as hard running. Its introduction will be on a par with the substitution of pneumatic tyres for the old solids."

Artillery Ground, London, 1744.

James Love, in "Cricket: An Heroic Poem," published 1774, says: "Kips is remarkable for handing the Ball at the Wicket and knocking up the Stumps instantly if the Batsman is not extremely cautious." Now, Joseph Wells, the novelist's father, was also a Kent county player (he once took four successive wickets for his county with four successive balls). He lived at Bromley, quite close to Eltham, the birthplace of Kips, and was for many years professional coach to the West Kent Club, whose headquarters at Chislehurst are also close to Eltham. Thus the name of Kips was almost certainly known to Wells, and may have cropped up occasionally in his conversation and imprinted itself on the brain of Wells.

GENERAL ITEMS.

Vegetable marrows were hawked in the streets of Camberwell, S.E., at 1d. each.

Lord Plymouth has presented to Cardiff a 50 acre wood at St. Fagan's as a recreation ground.

Five men and two horses perished in the explosion of a cartload of shells on a road near Maubuge.

Berlin Town Council has decided to abandon the scheme to impose additional taxes on foreigners.

Weighing 111lb., a lobster landed at Brixham, Devon, measured 19in. from head to tail, and the girth of the head was 16in.

The Prime Minister exhibited four goats at a show at Farnham, Surrey, and secured a "highly commended" in an open class.

A wife at Tottenham, N., Police Court the other day was not sure whether she was summoning her third or fourth husband.

By 5,580 votes to 4,404 the Dutch National Trade Union Congress has decided not to join the Moscow (Bolshewist) International.

As Blackburn, Lancashire, has adopted Pezanne, on the Somme, the French town is to call its reconstructed bridge "Pont de Blackburn."

The Prince of the Asturias King Alfonso's heir, who is 15 has joined a Spanish dreadnought as a midshipman for a course of naval training.

An unidentified man threw a bomb at the room in Marseilles of Signor Capelli, the Italian Consul-General, without injuring anyone and escaped.

At a cost of three-quarters of a million the Great Western Railway Company is to provide Swanscombe with one of the best equipped stations in the country.

While walking in the garden of his villa at Gardone, Gabriele d'Annunzio, the Italian patriot, poet, airman and dictator of Fiume, fell and injured his head severely.

Hedgerows around Beaconsfield, Gerrards Cross, and Amersham, Buckinghamshire, are bearing a record crop of nuts, bunches of 9 and 10 on one stalk being plentiful.

The 100 metre (109 yards) international swimming race at Paris was won by van Schelle, of Brussels, champion of Belgium, in 17.1-sec. Haskins (London) was third.

The Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour bestowed by the French Government on the President of the Portuguese Republic was handed to him by the French Minister at Lisbon.

With a view to the reappearance in next season's racing of his yacht "Britannia," the King has given orders for extensive work upon her, including recocking and recaulking the hull.

At the quint annual ceremony of the sale of the wild ponies which roam the New Forest, at Lyndhurst, gipsies and hawkers with caravans and carts gave a picturesque touch to the proceedings.

Finding a detonator in a drawer, Grand Dellow, Sharncliffe-road, New Cross, S.E., began experimenting on it with a hammer and screw driver, and an explosion resulting his left hand was blown to pieces.

Instead of receiving pass-out checks, visitors who desired readmittance to the Beaumonts, Angley, Agricultural Show, says the *Liverpool Post*, had their hands stamped to show to the doorkeepers.

Mr. T. A. Edison, in an interview in Paris, declared that London's millions could be asphyxiated in three hours with the aid of the latest poison gas, Lewisite, by a fleet of from twenty-five to fifty aeroplanes.

Five hundred bunches of black Hamburg grapes, many of them weighing between 2lb. and 3lb., are growing this year on the vine which supplies the King's table at Cumberland Lodge, Windsor Great Park.

"In sentencing a woman to four months' imprisonment for having obtained £37 by fraud from the Ministry of Pensions, Sheriff Thomson at Glasgow said "the number of frauds upon the Ministry is incalculable."

Coal shipments from Scottish ports in mail week to Germany and Scandinavia were the heaviest since the outbreak of the war, while the total for the 72 months, 8,000,000 tons, is 6,000,000 tons more than for the complete year 1921.

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ARTHUR GRIFFITH.

DEATH OF SINN FEIN FOUNDER.

Mr. Arthur Griffith, President of Dail Eireann, the Irish Parliament, and founder of Sinn Fein, who died suddenly at Dublin was 55.

Of Welsh extraction he was born in Dublin and was the son of a printer.

Nearly 20 years ago a young man walked into the reading room of a Dublin newspaper office and was shown to the desk where he was to read printers' proofs from 8 at night until 4.30 in the morning. He was Mr. Arthur Griffith, the man who became one of the leading signatories of the treaty which gave the Irish Free State its existence. In the cramped reading-room he pursued his calling until he decided to emigrate to South Africa.

"During his employment," writes a present-day London journalist, "he was his copy holder, and with boyish eagerness I devoured the first letter he sent home. It finally found its way into the paper, and its publication showed his former comrades that the little spotted man who was shy of speech possessed literary ability above the average."

"In those days Dublin was madly Parnellite. Redmond had stepped into the shoes of his dead leader. With other leaders of Irish opinion, Redmond's advent into the comping room was often the occasion of a temporary stoppage of work while the man cheered and demanded a speech. I can remember that the general enthusiasm never affected Griffith. Even then he was not an admirer of Parnell's methods. The scene always left him unmoved."

23 A WEEK.

"At that time he was earning £2 weekly. One action of his I always remember. There was then a body in Ireland known as the Irish National Monuments Committee. Its object was to erect statues throughout the country to men who had died in

LUNATIC FOR TRIAL.

QUARTER SESSIONS CHAIR- MAN'S CRITICISM.

Addressing the Grand Jury at Salford Hundred Quarter Sessions, Mr. F. Brocklehurst, the chairman, referred to the case of George Banks, an inmate of a lunatic asylum, who had been committed for trial by the Manchester county bench on a charge of common assault.

"I have never heard of a man," said Mr. Brocklehurst, "being brought out of a lunatic asylum already certified insane and charged with an offence while in that condition." It would be a travesty of British justice to charge a man with a crime when he was obviously unable to defend himself or instruct anybody on his behalf.

The Grand Jury returned a "no bill."

Banks was alleged to have quarrelled with another inmate of Prestwich Asylum and to have attempted to stab him with a knife. The proceedings, it was stated at the police court, were taken with a view to his commitment to a criminal lunatic asylum.

comity with the established law. One day night, in his quiet way, he drew from his pocket one of his two Bank of Ireland notes, wrote 'Anonymous' on a sheet of paper, and asked me to deliver the letter at the committee's office.

"He returned to Dublin as unobtrusively as he left. Some people said he made money in the gold mines. He had enough to start a weekly paper, the *United Irishman*, which attracted attention. The paper was characterised by contiguous attacks on the methods of the Irish Parliamentary Party."

"It was not until the abortive Rebellion of 1916 that Griffith gained encouragement. Recruits flocked to Sinn Fein."

For his pen had sprung the Sinn Fein movement. He lived to become in action one of its moderating forces,



Village blacksmith for twenty-five years.



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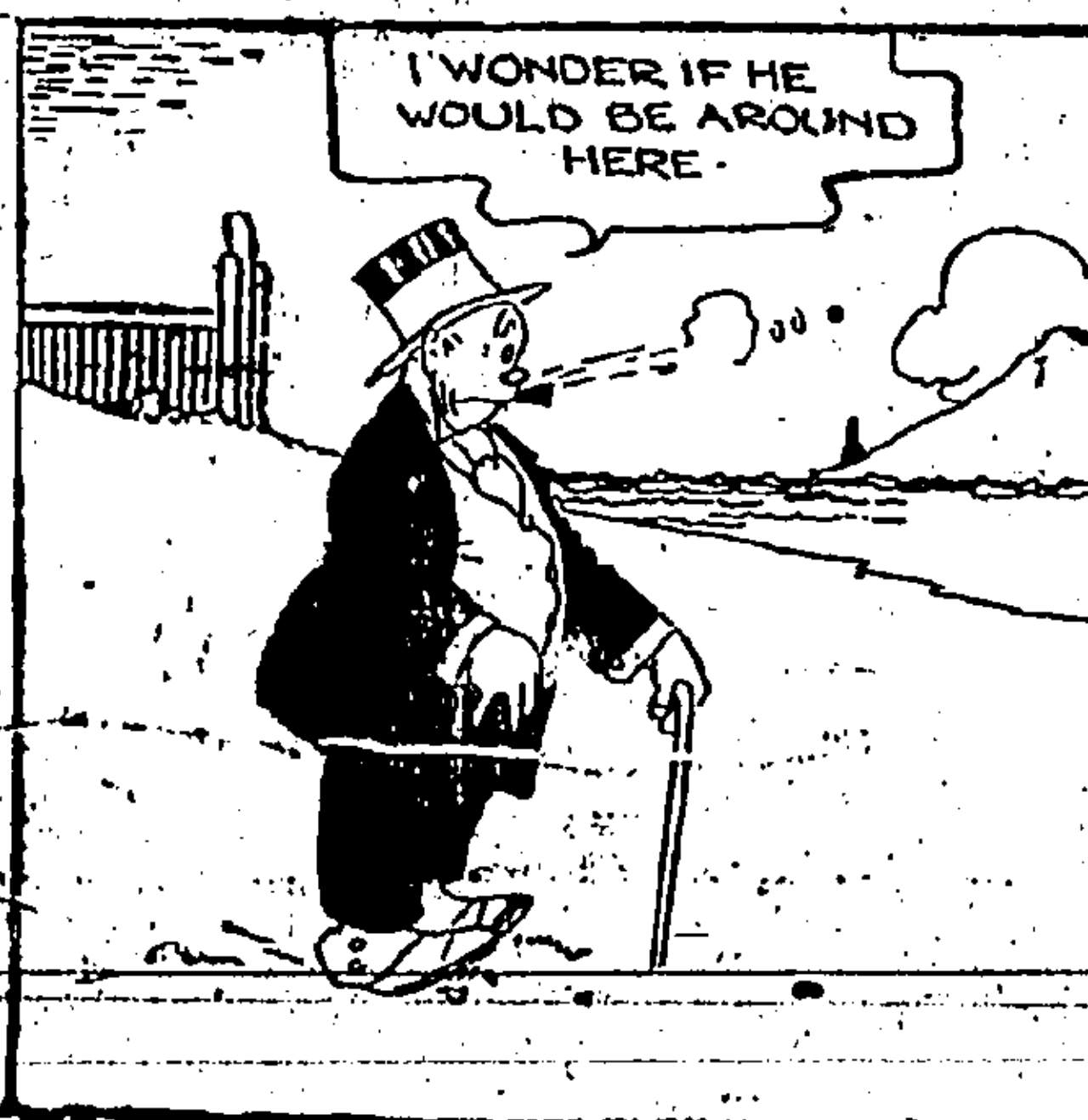
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